(e) if so, by when the final decision in this regard is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN SINGH): (a) and (b) FDI policy liberalisation is an ongoing process, which is based on national priorities, including sectoral considerations. With a view to attracting more FDI, the Government have already put in place a liberal, transparent and investor friendly FDI policy where most activities all under the automatic route for FDI up to 100% except a small list. Further Government has constituted a Group of Ministers on FDI to review the existing FDI Policy on an ongoing basis and suggest changes in the sectoral guidelines, including sectoral caps wherever considered necessary or desirable;

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

New Board for chillies

3668. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up a separate Board for chillies;

(b) if so, by when it is likely to be set up; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The development, research and marketing/export promotion of spices including chillies is adequately taken care of by the existing institutions of the Government of India such as Spices Board and the Indian Council of Agricultural Research.